

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
JULY 19, 1996

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, July 19, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., at the Broadwater Beach Resort in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Members present: Yvonne Brown, Joanna Heidel, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, II, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

Member absent: Alton Bankston

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Bunch, Jr., Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Walter Howell, Curtis Kynerd, Sandra Lucas, R. L. McClellan, Ed Schneider, Ray Smith, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:15 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

Chairman Walker welcomed visitors Dr. Tommy Davis, President of East Mississippi Community College; Dr. Barry Mellinger; President of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Mr. Joe Childers, President of Northeast Mississippi Community College; and Dr. Eddie Smith, President of East Central Community College.

Oath of Office

Mrs. Sandra Lucas, SBCJC Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to members Yvonne Brown, Joanna Heidel, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, II, Patricia Puckett, William Seal, and Hazel Terry.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, the Board approved the minutes of the June 19 and 20, 1996, meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray reported to Board members on the Rural Health Corp activities.

Dr. Ray reported on a meeting called by House Education Chairman, Billy McCoy, held on July 11, 1996. SBCJC staff attended the meeting along with several community college presidents and representatives of other educational agencies. Chairman McCoy asked representatives from the Attorney General's office to give the group a brief background explanation and information on possible litigation involving the Uniform School Law of 1986. The group also received a report on Legislative Budget Office revenue projections for FY 1997 and FY 1998.

Dr. Ray reported on the Industrial Training Degree Program at the University of Southern Mississippi. This program will begin operation with the start of the fall 1996 semester and will include a 400 hour internship in the industrial community. Four community colleges will have Associate Degree level Industrial Training Degree programs.

Dr. Ray updated Board members on the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program (MPACT) Commission's activities.

Dr. Ray also stated that East Central Community College's band had been invited to perform during the upcoming Olympic ceremonies. They were the only community college band in the nation to be invited. Dr. Ray congratulated Dr. Eddie Smith, President of East Central Community College on the band's achievement of this honor.

Executive Director's Out-of-Town Schedule:
July 29 - August 9 - Personal Leave for vacation.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of a letter from State Auditor Steve Patterson's Office confirming the results of a physical property audit conducted on July 12, 1996, of SBCJC inventoried equipment. All items were verified and accounted for to complete the audit.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of a document defining a One Stop Career Center Concept. (Exhibit A) On a motion by Perrin Purvis and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the One Stop Career Center Concept.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Barry Mellinger, Chairman of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, welcomed the Board to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and reported on the following items discussed at their June 25, 1996 meeting:

A report was received from Dr. Therrell Myers on current vocational technical activities.

Representatives of the Institutions of Higher Learning gave an overview of programs throughout the state offered through volunteerism.

A representative of the Department of Information Technology Services discussed developments among the colleges seeking automated libraries systems. The presidents voted to support an ITS proposal for SERSI to be the sole source for the purchase of library automation software to ensure connectivity of all community/junior college systems.

Dr. Ray reported on SBCJC activities, including continuing efforts to work with the universities to provide graduate level nursing programs on the CCN. Dr. Ray also reported on the CCN network utilization committee.

Dr. Ray reported to the presidents that TruVision was sold to Wireless One.

Dr. Ray also reported to the MACJC on continuing workforce issues. The State Workforce Council has developed a new system for selecting industries to receive the Best Practices Award. The specific dates for recognition of industries in each community college district were discussed.

Dr. David Haraway made recommendations that the MACJC be more comprehensive in content and that two year terms for the Association's officers be reviewed.

The MACJC Executive Committee recommended the hiring of two legislative lobbyists for FY 1996-1997.

A Legislative Committee report was received from Chairman Clyde Muse.

Dr. Mellinger and Dr. Muse were appointed to serve on a committee to work with the State Superintendent of Education and other related groups on a proposal for early admission for gifted and talented high school students.

On overview of the CCN network status was received. Also, the Fall semester CCN schedule was distributed.

Before adjournment, the presidents discussed athletic matters.

Dr. Ned Lovell representing the Mississippi State University, Community/Junior College Fellowship Program issued an invitation to the presidents to attend this year's session beginning July 29, through August 2, 1996.

Dr. David Haraway was presented a plaque for his leadership and dedication to the MACJC while serving as MACJC Chairman from 1994 through 1996.

Program Committee

On a motion by Yvonne Brown and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following program applications for Jones Junior College, Ellisville: Paralegal 2.3/52.0403, and Computer Information Systems Technology 2.3/52.1201.

On a motion by Yvonne Brown and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following program applications for Coahoma Community College contingent on receipt of additional application information no later than November 14, 1996: Industrial Maintenance - 2.2/47.0390 and 2.3/47.0390, and Vehicular Mechanics - 2.2/46.0699 and 2.3/46.0699.

Mr. Bill Bunch distributed a copy of the Experiencing Technology, Pilot Course Proposal prepared by the Mississippi Department of Education. (Exhibit B) The pilot course will now be called Science and Technology, PHY 2263. This pilot program will be offered at three community colleges during the fall 1996 semester; Northeast Mississippi Community College, Holmes Community College, and Gulf Coast Community College.

Mr. Bunch also reported on the reprinting of the Uniform Course Numbering System which will be reprinted for the period of 1996 - 2201.

Mr. Bunch distributed a copy of the SBCJC program committee activity summary for 1995 - 1996. (Exhibit C)

In other business, on a motion by Yvonne Brown and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from Southwest Mississippi Community College to add an Associate Degree level to their Well Construction Technology program.

Finance Committee

On finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Perrin Purvis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 31, 1996, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Funds 4080 and 4110 in the total amount of \$1,772,062.67. (Exhibit D)

On finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request from Meridian Community College for advancement of FY 1997 support funds in the amount of \$1,131,155. (Exhibit E)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Aid to Colleges General Fund Disbursements for August 1996 in the amount of \$6,775,394.00. (Exhibit F)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Perrin Purvis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the CJC support FY 1998 increased funding request to include debt service on technology bonds. (Exhibit G)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted to approve the CJC support bond request for FY 1998 in the amount of \$42,500,000. Exhibit G) Motion passed (Brown, Heidel, Hudspeth, Puckett, Purvis, Seal, and Terry voting Yes, Junkin voting No.)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Yvonne Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of 15 mobile labs and associated computer equipment purchased with workforce funds to the respective community colleges assigned the equipment. (Exhibit H)

*The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m.

**The meeting reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the expenditure of \$21,816 for the printing of the Skill/Tech newsletter by Evergreen Press of Flowood, Mississippi for fiscal year 1997.

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Perrin Purvis, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of CCN Rollabout Unit, MCU, and related equipment in the amount of \$174,324 from ATS Telephone & Data Systems, Inc.

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of wide area network hardware and software in the amount of \$446,772.

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the expenditure of \$18,000 for contractual services from Integrated Network Solutions. (Exhibit I)

Deborah Gilbert presented for Board members' review a copy of the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement negotiated between the SBCJC and the U. S. Department of Education. (Exhibit J) No action was required.

Mrs. Gilbert also reported on the recap of General Fund and Education Enhancement Fund support expenditures for FY 1996. (Exhibit K) No action was required.

Mrs. Gilbert presented Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, 3292, and 4300 for the Board's review. (Exhibit L) No action was required.

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a maintenance contract for the CCN with ATS Telephone and Data System, Inc. in the amount of \$107,490.

Workforce Education Report

Mr. Walker distributed to Board members a copy of the Fall 1995 Vocational-Technical Enrollments report by program site, prepared by Bill Bunch and Dr. Larry Day.

George Walker updated Board members on State Workforce Training Council matters. Mr. Walker reported that the Council continues to meet monthly and is now in preparation to meet with the Legislative Budget Office on September 11, 1996, at 3:00 p.m. The Council has requested that representatives of each district council and employers attend the budget hearing and/or draft letters of support for the continuation and enhancement of the Skill Tech program.

Mr. Walker stated that a meeting, co-sponsored by Coahoma Community College and Mississippi Delta Community College, will be held at Delta State University on August 6, 1996, to meet with their deans and professors to discuss the Skill Tech Program and the Workforce Training Act of 1996. Other meetings with Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning are planned.

Hazel Terry reported on a television program shown recently featuring Mr. Bill Crawford from Meridian Community College and Mr. Al Sleppy, explaining aspects of the Workforce and Education Training Act of 1996. Another program is scheduled for a later date featuring Dr. Eddie Smith, President of East Central Community College, and the CEO of U. S. Motors. Taped copies of both presentations will be available to show to interested parties.

Health Care Committee Update

Hazel Terry reported that a statement of purpose has been drafted for a one and one-half day conference at the Harvey Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi, on December 3 and 4, 1996. A cross-section of professionals will be invited to participate in the program. A meeting of the full focus group will be held next Tuesday to discuss selection of topics and speakers for the December conference.

Funding and Finance Study Committee

Dr. Olon Ray recommended that a special committee be appointed to study funding and finance for Mississippi's community and junior colleges. The committee would be comprised of representatives from the SBCJC and community and junior college presidents and business officials. Areas of study would include the funding formula for the future, out-of-state athletic scholarships, adequacy of funding for the future based on growth factors, and the financing of rapidly changing technology needs.

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to appoint a special committee to study funding and finance for Mississippi's community and junior colleges.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Patricia Puckett the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for reimbursement to Hazel Terry for her attendance at a Health Care Committee meeting on July 17, 1996.

OTHER BUSINESS

At the invitation of Dr. Kent Wyatt, President of Delta State University, a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to hold their November meeting on November 13 and 14, 1996, at the University's Cleveland Campus.

At the invitation of Mr. John Moore of the Resource Center in Jackson, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to hold the October 17, 1996, meeting at the Resource Center.

Mr. John Junkin stated that he had requests from individuals about the possibility of using the CCN for Election Commissioner training required by the Secretary of State's Office before elections are held in Mississippi. Dr. Ray and Curtis Kynard will contact the Secretary of State's Office to see what help the CCN could offer with this training.

REPORT ON STAFF REORGANIZATION

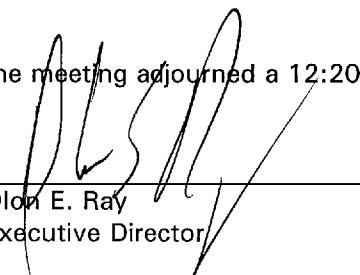
Dr. Ray discussed his proposed SBCJC office reorganization, effective September 1, 1996, with the Board. Board members were shown the proposed reorganizational chart, an overview of positions involved, and new job descriptions. Dr. Ray informed the Board that he would meet with SBCJC office staff on July 22, 1996, to explain the new office reorganization.

On a motion by Mr. Hudspeth, seconded by Mr. Junkin, the Board went on record as having discussed the office reorganization and that the proposed reorganization meets with the Board's approval. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Junkin, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.


George Walker, Chairman


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Executive Director